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SUBJECT: SOVIET EARTH SCIENTISTS WISH TO VISIT USAF DETACHMENT 421

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM W. B. PRITCHETT, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY IN THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ASKING IF IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG IF A GROUP OF SOVIET EARTH SCIENTISTS WERE PERMITTED TO VISIT USAF DETACHMENT 421 AT ALICE SPRINGS. THE SOVIET PARTY, WHICH ARRIVES IN AUSTRALIA IN JUNE, HAS ASKED TO VISIT THE FACILITY.

2. PRITCHETT STATES THAT SUBJECT TO NORMAL PRECAUTIONS THERE IS NO REASON OF WHICH GOA IS AWARE WHY THE PARTY SHOULD NOT VISIT THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCLUDING ALICE APRINGS.

3. THE PROBABLY MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET PARTY ARE:

PROFESSOR A.A. GEODEKYAN
PRESIDENT OF THE EARTH SCIENCES SECTION OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.
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HEAD OF THE LABRATORY OF HYDROLOGICAL PROCESSES OF
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DR. I.A. TIMOFEEV
SENIOR CONSULTANT, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN REALTIONS OF THE USSR
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4. THE COUNTRY TEAM BELIEVES THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY ALLOWING THIS PARTY TO VISIT DETACHMENT 421 AND RE-COMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE US TO TELL PRITCHETT THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE USG.
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